



For more Information

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Prepared by The Emergency Planning Department



PrepE's Emergency Preparedness Plan For



Important Emergency Contacts

Access Vaughan—City's Contact Centre

Telephone: 905-832-2281

TTY: 1-866-543-0545

Email: accessvaughan@vaughan.ca

www.vaughan.ca

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City of Vaughan Fire General Inquires

905-832-8506

City of Vaughan Animal Services

Telephone: 905-832-8505

Email: animalservices@vaughan.ca

City of Vaughan Building Standards **(Inspectors)**

905-832-8511

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Notes:

York Region Public Health

905-895-4511

Environment Canada Weather Alerts

<http://weather.gc.ca>

Alectra Outage Centre

1-833-253-2872

Enbridge Gas Emergency Line

1-866-763-5427

Police, Fire & EMS Emergency

9-1-1

Insurance Company & Phone Number

Family's Emergency Contact & Phone Number

Children's Schools / Daycare & Phone Number

City of Vaughan's Emergency Public Alerting

In the event of an emergency or disaster, the City of Vaughan communicates through these various methods:

- Radio
- Television
- Newspaper
- Door to Door
- Loud Speaker
- Email Blasts
- Mobile Signs
- Facebook
- Twitter
- E-Newsletter
- City Website
- Automated Calling
- Recorded Messages on City Phone Lines



SECTION TIP

Your cell phone may not work during an emergency; have a plan for how your family will stay in contact

You may not have access to electricity and some of these alerting methods. Make sure you plan to stay informed.

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Notes:**Make a Plan: Be Prepared For An Emergency**

Every citizen of the City of Vaughan has a responsibility to be prepared for an emergency. A disaster or emergency can happen with little to no warning, and some emergencies may leave you confined to your home for several days. It is important that you and your family are self sufficient for at least 72 hours.

Our Family Emergency Plan Contains:

- ☐ Important Emergency Contact Numbers
- ☐ Emergency Meeting Places
- ☐ Home Escape Plan
- ☐ Arrangements for Pets
- ☐ Emergency Kit Checklists
- ☐ Shelter in Place Procedures
- ☐ Evacuation Procedures
- ☐ Possible Types of Emergencies

Home Evacuation Routes

Draw your floor plan below showing a primary and secondary exit for each room. If your house has multiple levels, use the additional box.

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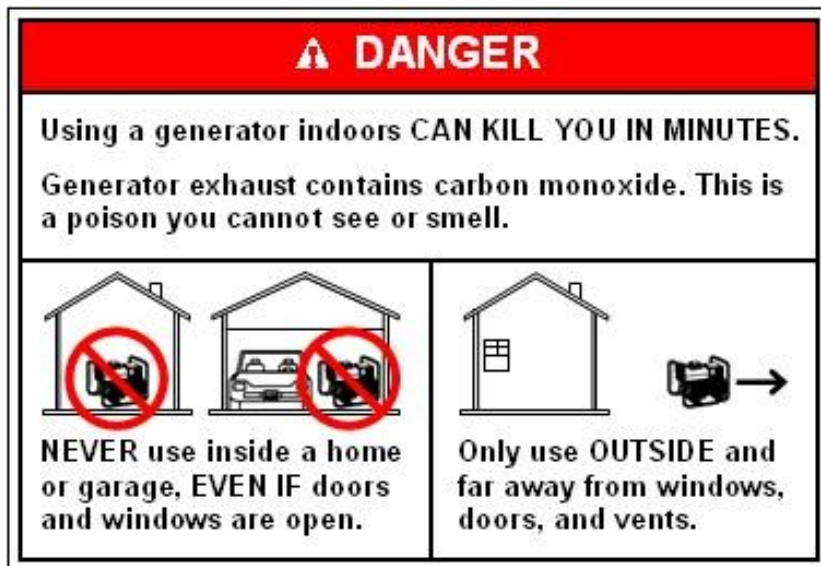
Fireplace Safety Tips

- ☐ Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- ☐ Inspect and clean chimney on a regular basis.
- ☐ Make sure all pipes and connections are intact.
- ☐ Check for creosote and soot build up.



Generator Safety Tips

- ☐ Always read and follow the owner's manual before operating.
- ☐ Never operate a generator inside your home, garage or any enclosed area, generators need an unlimited supply of fresh air.
- ☐ Do not add fuel to generator while it is running.
- ☐ Never feed power from generator directly into wall outlets. Connect according to manufacturer's directions.
- ☐ Keep generator dry and on a level surface.



Emergency Meeting Places

Primary Local Meeting Place (i.e. stop sign at corner of main and first)

Secondary Local Meeting Place (i.e. super mail box)

Out of Town Meeting Place (aunt, uncle, grandparent, friend etc.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

SECTION TIP

If the entire family is not together at the time of an emergency and you cannot reach the meeting place, contact the out of town location. This will be the central communication point for everyone.

Emergency Preparedness Kits

To be prepared for the unexpected, it is important to create an emergency survival kit for your home, vehicle and your pets. These kits should be assembled with 72 hours in mind, allowing you and your family to survive at least three days without utilities. The following are some recommended emergency kit items for your home, vehicle and pet. This is just a guide and you should create a kit that best meets the specific needs of your family. Store the items in an easy to carry container and in an easily accessible location near the main living area of your home.

SECTION TIP

Scan important documents and photos to a flash drive and store it in an offsite location or in a safety deposit box.

Floods

- ☐ Have your 72 Hour Emergency Kit ready.
- ☐ Move furniture, appliances and belongings to higher level.
- ☐ Have sandbags ready to use.
- ☐ If authorities advise you to evacuate, leave the area immediately.
- ☐ Follow evacuation routes do not take shortcuts. Watch out for downed power lines. Do not drive through flooded streets and intersections, turn around and find a safer route.



Health Emergencies

- ☐ Always follow guidelines and directions from Public Health.
- ☐ Seek medical attention if you think you may have been exposed to the infectious disease or contaminant.
- ☐ Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- ☐ Wash hands frequently with soap and water.
- ☐ Cover nose and mouth to sneeze and cough.



72 Hour Home Emergency Kit— Basic Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water: 4 liters/ person/day | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing & Footwear: At Least One Complete Change of Clothes Per Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned/Non Perishable Foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets or Sleeping Bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & Radio: Crank or Battery Powered | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Grooming Items & Toilet Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Games, Toys, Puzzles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candles (in safety container), Matches, Lighter | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack, Duffle Bag or Plastic Bin to store kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual Can Opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Prescription Medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important, Documents, Insurance, Identification | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Car Keys & Cash | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duct or Packing Tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Sheeting |

The location of our kit is _____

Emergency Vehicle Kit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Booster Cables | <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted Tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Fluids | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Flares or
Warning Triangles | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Food
Pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Candle
and matches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Scraper/Brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tire Gauge &
Air Compressor | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher
(BC) |



Power Outage

- ☐ Check with neighbors to see if they have power. If they do, it could be a problem with just your home
- ☐ Turn off all non essential appliances
- ☐ Turn off all lights but one (lets you know when power is restored)
- ☐ Unplug electronic equipment like TV, computer etc.
- ☐ Keep refrigerator and freezer closed
- ☐ Never leave candles unattended
- ☐ Tune into local radio station for updates
- ☐ If power does not come back on and your house is too cold to stay in, go to a warming centre or emergency shelter
- ☐ The closest community centre to our home is:

SECTION TIP— When in doubt, throw it out!

In a power outage of 24 hours or longer, throw out food in fridge . In a power outage of 48 hours or longer, throw out food in freezer.

Winter Storms

- ☐ Stay indoors, if you have to go outside dress warmly.
- ☐ Bring pets inside.
- ☐ Ensure fireplaces are in working condition, and have enough fuel on hand.
- ☐ Keep an emergency kit in your vehicles.
- ☐ Keep gas tank at least half full in winter and have extra washer fluid.
- ☐ If you get trapped in your vehicle, stay calm. Run the engine for 10 minutes every half hour. Make sure the exhaust is not blocked by snow. Open window slightly when running engine. Remain with the vehicle.



Pet Emergency Kit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications & Medical Records | <input type="checkbox"/> Information on feeding, medical, behavioral problems and veterinarian number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Photos | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leash, Collar, Cage | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys and beds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food, Water, Bowls, Can Opener (3 day supply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter, garbage bags, scoop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microchip / ID Tag | |

The location of my Pet/Service Animal Kit is:

SECTION TIP

Every 6 months, when you change your clocks, change the batteries, food and water in the emergency kits

Pet Animal Record

If your pet animal is left behind during an emergency, complete this form and give it to the Enforcement Services staff at the Emergency Shelter or call 905-832-8505.

Fill in the information about your pet/service animal and provide a photo or description. Complete one form for each pet.

Type of Pet:

Pet's Name:

Temperament of Pet:

Friendly Timid Aggressive Vicious

Earthquake

Earthquakes occur with no warning.



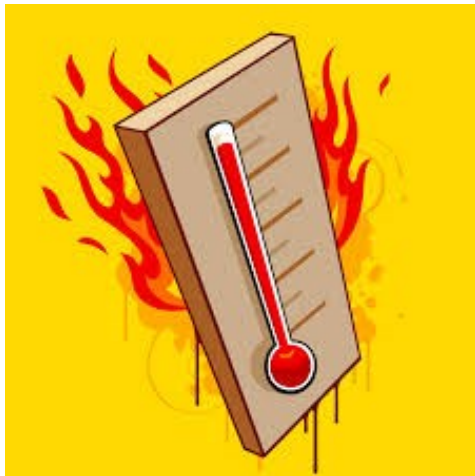
When the ground starts moving:

- ☐ Drop to the floor.
- ☐ Take cover under a heavy piece of furniture.
- ☐ Hold on to the furniture.
- ☐ Remain where you are for 60 seconds after the ground stops shaking.

- ☐ If you are in a hallway—get against wall, crouch and cover your head with your arms.
- ☐ Stay away from shelving units and bookcase as they may topple and items can fall.
- ☐ Be aware of broken glass and fallen objects.
- ☐ Evacuate area if you are directed to do so.

Extreme Heat

- ☐ Stay indoors as much as possible. The coolest part of the house is in the basement or lowest floor, out of the sun.
 - ☐ Limit physical and strenuous activity.
 - ☐ Drink lots of water even when your not thirsty.
 - ☐ Limit caffeine and alcohol use.
 - ☐ Dress in loose fitting and light colored clothing.
 - ☐ City of Vaughan community centres and libraries will be used as cooling centres. The closest community centre or library to our home is:
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Vet's Name: _____ **#:** _____

Medications: _____

Last Vaccination Date: _____

Where pet may hide in the home:

Feeding/Special Instructions and Health Information:

Photo/Description

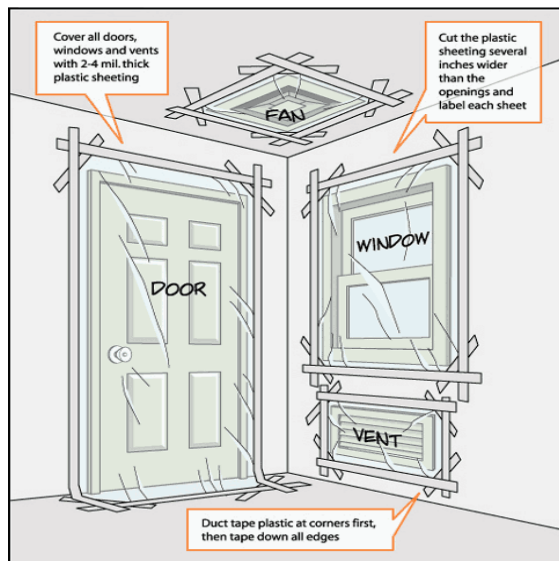


Shelter In Place

Sheltering in place means to stay in doors because an emergency situation is about to occur or is occurring and its too dangerous to go outside. The duration which one is required to shelter in place will depend on the specific situation; however, it can range from a short period while waiting for a tornado to pass through or several days such as an ice storm that leaves you without electricity and other utilities.

Our Family's Shelter in Place Room is:

(should be an interior room without windows that is above ground level)



Tornadoes

A tornado **watch means a tornado is possible** in your area where as, a **tornado warning means there is a high likelihood that one could form or a funnel cloud has been spotted in the area.** Take shelter immediately.

How to protect your family from a tornado:

- ☐ Shelter in an interior area in a basement, small interior ground floor room or inner hallway.
- ☐ Stay away from windows, outside walls and doors.
- ☐ Get down on the floor and cover your head with your arms.
- ☐ Do not use elevators.
- ☐ Get out of your vehicle, lie face down on your stomach and cover your head and neck with your arms.
- ☐ Do not shelter under bridges, as the winds are amplified and debris builds up, putting you at greater risk.



Types of Emergencies

Hazardous Material Incidents

Hazardous materials are dangerous goods that could cause life threatening risk to our health and environment.

If you see or smell hazardous materials:

- ☐ Call 9-1-1.
- ☐ Stay away from the site.
- ☐ Stay uphill and upwind as the air can carry hazardous material.
- ☐ Close all windows and doors.
- ☐ Turn off air conditioner and fans.
- ☐ Turn on radio or TV for further instructions from emergency responders.
- ☐ REMAIN INDOORS, follow shelter in place procedures.
- ☐ Only evacuate if told to do so by authorities.



Steps to Follow for Sheltering In Place

- ☐ Bring family and pets inside the home
- ☐ Lock all doors and close windows
- ☐ Close air vents
- ☐ Turn off fans, air conditioners or anything that brings air into home
- ☐ Seal all windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting and duct or packaging tape
- ☐ Stay away from windows and doors
- ☐ Get your emergency kit, pet kit
- ☐ Go to your shelter in place room
- ☐ Watch TV, listen to radio, and/or search online for updates from authorities on the current situation
- ☐ Be ready to evacuate

SECTION TIP

Make sure you bring a phone or have a phone in your Shelter In Place room.



Emergency Shelters

- ☒ All City of Vaughan Community Centres are designated as emergency shelters.

If our family needs to evacuate, the
Closest Community Centre to our house is:

The **Address** for this community centre is:

These are the **Roads** we can take to get there: (or follow specified routes and do not take shortcuts)

- ☒ Bring your pets with you to the emergency shelter and if pets are left behind, contact Animal Services at the emergency shelter or through Access Vaughan.
- ☒ When you arrive at the emergency shelter, register with the Canadian Red Cross so that you can be re-united with family members.

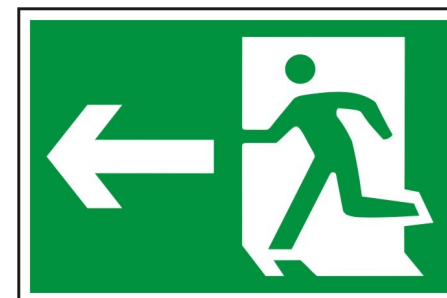
Evacuation

If you are required to evacuate your home

- ☐ Seek shelter with family or friends that are outside the affected area.
- ☐ The city will have emergency shelters open at designated community centres.
- ☐ The City will inform residents of the location of the emergency shelters.

Evacuation can occur with very little warning. It is important to be prepared with a plan ahead of time. Follow instructions by City Officials immediately.

- ☐ Contact the City if you need assistance evacuating.



SECTION TIP

Know how to turn off the water, gas and electricity in your home. Only turn off these utilities when instructed to do so by emergency officials. **IF** you turn off the gas, **only the gas company can reconnect it.**